

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 23, please amend the second paragraph as follows:

The precise structure through which the push button actuator 28 is operably mounted to the housing 130 is not critical to the present invention. As shown in Fig. 4 and schematically in Fig. 11, the push button actuator 28 has an associated cylinder 136 that is mounted within a case 138. The case 138 is keyed against pivoting movement about the line L relative to the housing 130 but is translatable with the push button actuator ~~[[128]]~~ 28 as the push button actuator moves between its normal and actuated positions. The cylinder 136 is guided for pivoting movement within the case 138. Conventional wafers 140 which are strategically repositioned by a key 141 as it is introduced into a slot 142 in a conventional manner. The case 138 is mounted in conventional fashion to the housing 130 through a mounting plate 144.

Page 28, please amend the first full paragraph as follows:

A coiled, compression spring 220 surrounds the body 180 and acts between the case 138 and the mounting plate ~~[[14]]~~ 144 to normally bias the push button actuator 28 towards the normal/retracted position, as shown in Figs. Figs. 18 and 21. The coil spring 220 is axially compressed with the push button actuator 26 in the actuated position therefor, as seen in Fig. 26. The ribs 204, 206 are axially dimensioned so that there is a portion of the

body at 224, which has no ribs, and that axially aligns with the mounting plate 144 to allow the push button actuator 28 to pivot around the axis 182 without any interference between the ribs 204, 206 and the mounting plate 144.

Page 31, please amend the first paragraph as follows:

With the push button actuator 28 in the resting and normal positions of Figs. 14 and 18-21, the push button actuator 28 can be pivoted through the inserted key 141 in the direction of the arrow 274 around the axis 182 to bear the side edge portion 246 and rounded corner ~~[[254]]~~ 252 sequentially against the surface 260 on the tab 264 to pivot the plate 146 into the second position of Fig. 27. The push button actuator 28, so moved, resides in the state shown in Figs. 28 and 29. This causes the wall 166 on the plate 146 to block the flange opening 158, thereby prohibiting the push button actuator 28 to move through its full stroke in the actuating path to change the state of the latching assembly 16. This represents the locked state for the lock system 10.

Page 33, please amend the second paragraph as follows:

A modified form of first actuating assembly, according to the present invention, is shown at 24' in Fig. 31. The first actuating assembly 24' has a base 276 to which an operating handle 278 is hingedly joined for pivoting movement relative thereto around an axis 280. A spring assembly 282

normally urges the operating handle 278 to the solid line position in Fig. 31. The actuating assembly 24' has an actuating component 284 that follows movement of the operating handle 278 as it is pivoted between the solid and phantom line positions in Fig. 31. The actuating component 284 is engageable with a repositionable element 286, which is movable to change the latching assembly 16' from its first state into its second state. The repositionable element 286 is caused to effect the change of state of the latching assembly 16' in response to movement of the operating handle 278 from the solid line position into the phantom line position, which causes the actuating component 284 to move generally in the direction of the arrow 288.

Page 35, please amend the first full paragraph as follows:

As shown also in Fig. 31, the actuating component 284 on the operating handle 276 has an oval through slot 308 dimensioned to receive the cantilevered post 304. With the cantilevered post 304 bearing on an edge 310 at one end of the slot 308, pivoting movement of the operating handle 278 from the solid line position of Fig. 31 into the phantom line position causes the cantilevered post 304 to be repositioned so as to pivot the catch element 72' from the Fig. 33 position to thereby allow pivoting of the rotors 48', 50' from their latched positions into their released positions.